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Kentucky students may earn money for college with KEES

Kentucky students may earn money for college through the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program. The KEES program rewards students for making good grades in high school and doing well on the ACT or SAT. The awards may be used upon graduation from high school, and no application is necessary. Students just enroll at an eligible college, and KHEAA will send their funds when the school verifies the students' enrollment.

Students may use their KEES awards at any public college or university in Kentucky, at nearly all private colleges and universities in the state and at many of the state's trade schools. If a major isn't offered in Kentucky, students may be able to use their KEES awards at out-of-state schools that offer that major and belong to the Academic Common Market. These majors must be approved by Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education. (Illinois, Indiana and Ohio schools are not eligible because those states do not participate in the Academic Common Market.)

Here's how KEES works: Students earn a KEES award for each year of attendance at a certified Kentucky high school and earn at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA). Students may also earn a bonus award for certain ACT or SAT scores.

Students must maintain a certain GPA in college to continue receiving their KEES awards. As sophomores KEES recipients must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA as freshmen to maintain their full award. After that, KEES students must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA to keep their full award. Students whose cumulative GPA is between 2.5 and 2.99 will receive half the award. Juniors and seniors may regain the full award if their cumulative GPA is raised to 3.0 or better.

For more information about KEES and for detailed statistics about the KEES program, visit www.kheaa.com.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, visit www.GoHigherKY.org. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798; or call (800) 928-8926, extension 7381. For more information about student loans, visit www.studentloanpeople.com; write The Student Loan People, P.O. Box 24328, Louisville, KY 40224-0328; or call (888) 678-4625.

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